

ILE-A-LA CROSSE, SASKATCHEWAN
Statistical Outline

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ILE-À-LA CROSSE, SASKATCHEWAN - Statistical Outline

LOCATION: 55°17' N 107°53' W
on Lac Ile-à-la Crosse
175 miles northeast of Prince Albert
280 miles northeast of Edmonton
about 1,000 miles south of the magnetic pole
40 miles south of the Precambrian Shield

POPULATION: 1,100 (1969 estimate)
over 50% are children
over 90% Indian extraction - French & Cree Métis

CLIMATE: sub-arctic climate
humid micro-thermal climate
mean daily temperature - January about -26°F
mean daily temperature - July about 50°F

ACCESS: Air - flights twice weekly
- gravel strip, daytime only
- float planes on Lac Ile-à-la Crosse
Roads - highway 155 to Prince Albert

MEDICAL: hospital - 45 beds
administered by the R. C. Mission
2 resident doctors

MEDIA: Radio - Dept. of Natural Resources, 5 days a week,
9 to 5 only

EDUCATIONAL
FACILITIES: 19 teachers
school population over 430

ILE-À-LA CROSSE

The village of Ile-à-la Crosse is an old Indian village, situated on Lac Ile-à-la Crosse at the head of the Churchill River, to which it owes its existence. The Northwest Company built a fort on the site in 1776 and established a trading and supply centre for all the Athabasca region. Until the advent of the airplane, Ile-à-la Crosse remained an important freighting centre for northeastern Saskatchewan. It was one of the major Roman Catholic missions in the north, and was important because it was the only settlement with a regular hospital.

Four years ago the provincial government organized a Northern Local Community Authority under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources. It is composed of 7 elected councillors.

The services and business in the town are few. The Department of Natural Resources and the R.C.M.P. maintain officers in the village. The Roman Catholic Mission operates a residence for out of town school children, handles the administration of the hospital and operates a theatre in the parish hall. There is a Hudson Bay Store, two co-ops and a café and motel.

Without question, the most pressing problem facing Ile-à-la Crosse is that there is no real economic base and little opportunity. There is some fishing, trapping and logging, but these resources are not utilized to potential. A large percentage of the population exists on welfare.

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